## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of

APPLICATION OF THE UNION LIGHT, HEAT

AND POWER COMPANY FOR A CERTIFICATE

OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

TO BID ON GAS FRANCHISES IN THE CITIES

OF COLD SPRING, CRESCENT SPRINGS,

EDGEWOOD, AND LUDLOW, ALL IN THE STATE

OF KENTUCKY (CITIES)

CASE NO. 8170

## ORDER

On the 13th day of April 1981 Union Light, Heat and Power Company filed with the Commission its Application seeking a certificate of convenience and necessity to qualify it to bid on gas franchises from the Cities of Cold Spring, Crescent Springs, Edgewood and Ludlow, all in Kentucky. Under the provisions of KRS 278.020(3), no utility may apply for a franchise from any governmental agency until it has obtained a certificate of convenience and necessity from this Commission based on our finding that there is a need and demand for the service sought to be rendered.

A hearing in this matter was held in the Commission's offices at Frankfort, Kentucky, on April 24, 1981.

The Commission FINDS that there is a need and demand for gas service in the Cities of Cold Spring, Crescent Springs, Edgewood and Ludlow, all in Kentucky. Since the Commission's authority in such matters is limited by statute to finding only whether there is a need and demand for the service sought to be rendered, no finding

or determination is made as to the validity of any of the provisions of the franchises offered by said Cities or the manner in which any franchise fee is to be treated for rate purposes.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED That Union Light, Heat and Power Company be and it hereby is granted a certificate of convenience and necessity which authorizes it to bid on gas franchises in the Cities of Cold Spring, Crescent Springs, Edgewood and Ludlow, all in Kentucky.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That Union Light, Heat and Power Company, if it becomes the successful bidder, file with this Commission copies of the said franchises.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That this Order shall not be construed as granting a certificate of convenience and necessity to construct utility facilities in said Cities.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 1st day of May 1981.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Vice Chairman

Commissioner

Commissioner

ATTEST:

Secretary